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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINE 9 PARA 4)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IAEA, PARM, ADMIN

SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING: DIVISION OF OPERATIONS AND  
EVALUATION GROUP POSTS IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS

REFS: (A) STATE 5955 (B) IAEA V.2050 (C) IAEA V. 2259

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO URGE DG EKLUND TO CONSIDER  
SVEN THORSTENSEN FOR THE DIVISION OF OPERATIONS POST AND  
GORDON HOUGH FOR THE HEAD OF THE EVALUATIONS GROUP.  
MISSION SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS RE THORSTENSEN CANDI-  
DACY:

(A) WHAT IS CRITICALLY NEEDED FOR THIS POST IS SOMEONE  
WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SAFE-  
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GUARDS OPERATIONS AND DEMONSTRATED DEDICATION TO ACHIEVING  
EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS: THORSTENSEN IS EMINENTLY  
QUALIFIED IN BOTH REGARDS;

(B) IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE LIKELY TO SUFFER IF BOTH OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR POSITIONS ARE FILLED BY PERSONS LACKING EXPERIENCE  
IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS;

(C) AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM IS A COMPETENT AND MOTIVATED INSPECTORATE, ACHIEVE-

MENT OF WHICH WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED BY PROMOTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL SUCH AS THORSTENSEN.

2. SUGGEST MISSION ADVISE OTHER APPROPRIATE MISSIONS OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THORSTENSEN AND URGE THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS APPOINTMENT.

3. FYI: MISSION SHOULD ASCERTAIN THAT HOUGH IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN AND WOULD ACCEPT THE EVALUATION GROUP POST BEFORE EXPRESSING FORMAL SUPPORT TO DG. WE ASSUME IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOUGH THAT MISSION WILL EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE IN EVALUATION GROUP POST AND CONFIDENCE IN HOUGH'S EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB. HOUGH SHOULD BE INFORMED OF USG SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY, IF HE WANTS THE POST. IF MISSION FINDS OUT THAT HOUGH DOES NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR EVALUATIONS GROUP POST, PLEASE INFORM DEPT ASAP. END FYI.

4. FYI: USG AGENCIES BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE THORSTENSEN SERVE IN SENIOR CAPACITY IN SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT. IF NOT SELECTED FOR OPERATIONS DIVISION POST, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CREATION OF NEW POSITION IN DDG OFFICE AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT. ALTERNATIVELY IN EVENT HOUGH NOT INTERESTED, US MAY WANT TO CONSIDER

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SUPPORTING THORSTENSEN AS HEAD OF EVALUATION GROUP. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO RAISE THIS WITH THE DG. END FYI.

5. MISSION REQUESTED TO KEEP DEPT INFORMED.  
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